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PATENT  
Case No. 8285/238-1

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Maropis et al.

Serial No. 09/417,266

Filing Date: October 12, 1999

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PROVIDING PRE-PAID LOCAL  
TELEPHONE SERVICES

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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c) FOR WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION  
FROM ISSUE**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attention: Office of Petitions  
Crystal Plaza 4  
Room 3C23

Dear Sir:

On June 9, 2003, your Petitioner paid the issue fee for this application. Subsequently, your Petitioner came across a publication not of record in this application. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.313(c)(2), your Petitioner is filing the present Petition to Withdraw

this application from issuance so that a request for continued examination may be considered and an information disclosure statement citing the above-mentioned publication may be considered in the application.

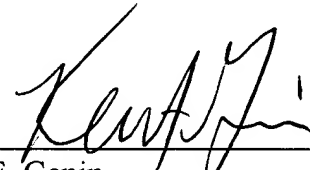
Please note that Petitioner is concurrently filing a request for continued examination (RCE) and an information disclosure statement that includes the above-identified reference. The RCE and IDS are attached hereto.

Your Petitioner respectfully requests that this Petition be granted so that the RCE may go forward and the IDS may be considered and made of record. A check for \$130.00 is enclosed to cover the petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required, or credit any excess fee paid, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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